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SUPERMAN

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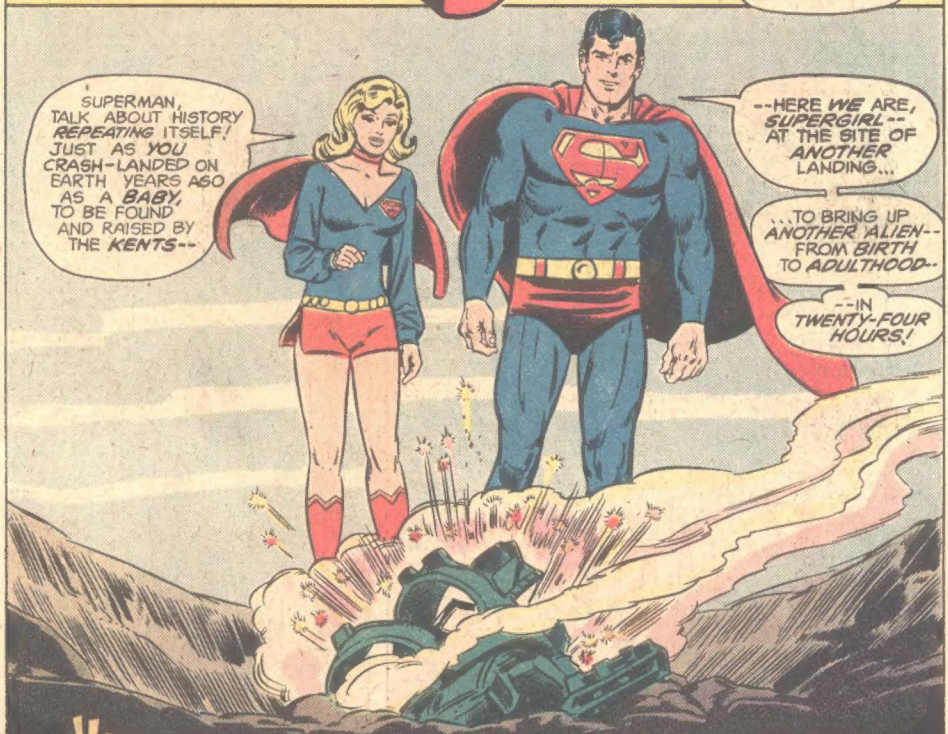
SUPERMAN, TALK ABOUT HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF! JUST AS YOU CRASH-LANDED ON EARTH YEARS AGO AS A BABY, TO BE FOUND AND RAISED BY THE KENTS--
--HERE WE ARE, SUPERGIRL--AT THE SITE OF ANOTHER LANDING...
...TO BRING UP ANOTHER ALIEN--FROM BIRTH TO ADULTHOOD--
--IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS!

"FALL AND RISE OF THE STAR-CHILD!"

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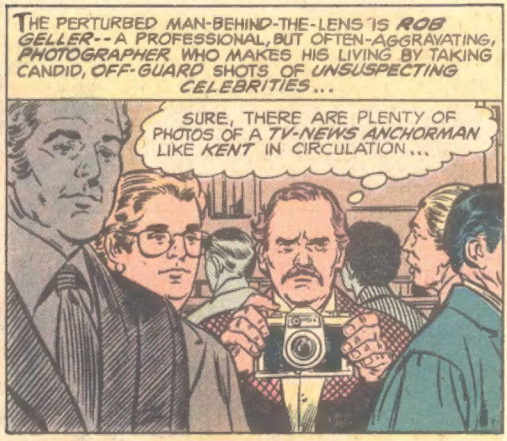
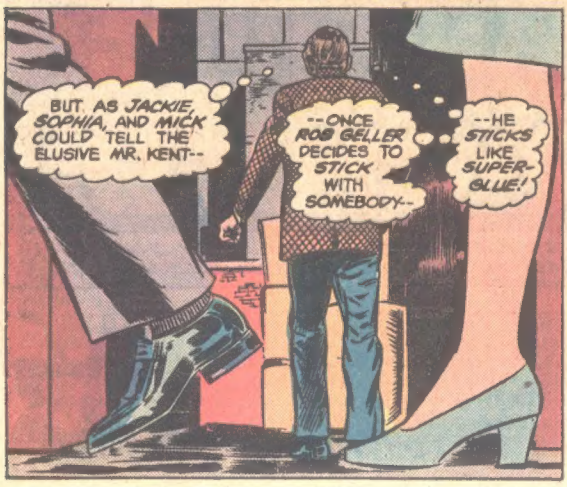
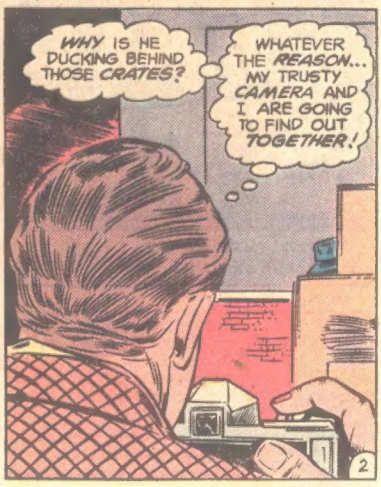
BLAST IT! I WOULD'VE HAD A PERFECT SHOT OF CLARK KENT--
--IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THAT SO-AND-SO WHO JUST STEPPED INTO MY FRAME!


THE PERTURBED MAN-BEHIND-THE-LENS IS ROB GELLER--A PROFESSIONAL, BUT OFTEN-AGGRAVATING, PHOTOGRAPHER WHO MAKES HIS LIVING BY TAKING CANDID, OFF-GUARD SHOTS OF UNSUSPECTING CELEBRITIES...
SURE, THERE ARE PLENTY OF PHOTOS OF A TV-NEWS ANCHORMAN LIKE KENT IN CIRCULATION...

...BUT ALL OF THEM ARE CAREFULLY POSED AND POISED--ALL OF THEM AS DULL AS KENT HIMSELF IS SUPPOSED TO BE OFF-CAMERA!
I WANT TO CAPTURE KENT ON FILM WHEN HE'S NOT EXPECTING IT... WHEN HE'S OFF-GUARD, SO TO SPEAK!
OUTA MY WAY, LADY--
OF ALL THE NERVE--!

OH-OH... KENT'S SUDDENLY CHANGED DIRECTION... SCOOTING INTO THAT ALLEY!
MAYBE HE KNOWS I'M ON HIS TAIL AND IS TRYING TO SHAKE ME.


BUT, AS JACKIE, SOPHIA, AND MICK COULD TELL THE ELUSIVE MR. KENT--
--ONCE ROB GELLER DECIDES TO STICK WITH SOMEBODY--
--HE STICKS LIKE SUPER-GLUE!


WHY IS HE DUCKING BEHIND THOSE CRATES?
WHATEVER THE REASON... MY TRUSTY CAMERA AND I ARE GOING TO FIND OUT TOGETHER!

OKAY, I'M ALL SET! WHEN HE STEPS OUT, I HAVE A HUNCH I'M GOING TO GET ONE VERY CANDID, UNREHEARSED SHOT OF WGBS'S STAR ANCHORMAN!
AND WHILE THE IRREPRESSIBLE ROB GELLER ANXIOUSLY STANDS AT THE READY, HIS FINGER POISED ON HIS SHUTTER-RELEASE...
...HE HAS NO INKLING OF THE PENCIL-THIN BEAMS OF HEAT VISION FLASHING ABOVE HIM -- SWIFTLY MELTING THE MORTAR AROUND A BRICK WITH THE UTMOST PRECISION...
NO INKLING OF THE SILENT GUST OF SUPER-BREATH WHICH GUIDES THE FALLING BRICK DOWNWARD ON A CAREFULLY-PLOTTED COURSE...
...TO SMASH ITS OBJECTIVE!
THWOKKK!
OH, NO!
RESULT -- A VERY DISTRAUGHT ROB GELLER TOO PREOCCUPIED TO NOTICE THE FLEETING WWOOSH OF WIND PASSING SWIFTLY BY OVERHEAD...
GROAN! MY CAMERA -- RUINED!
HOW COULD SUCH A FREAKY THING HAPPEN?
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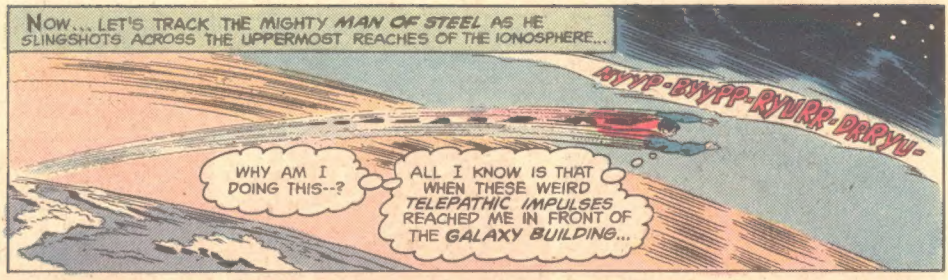
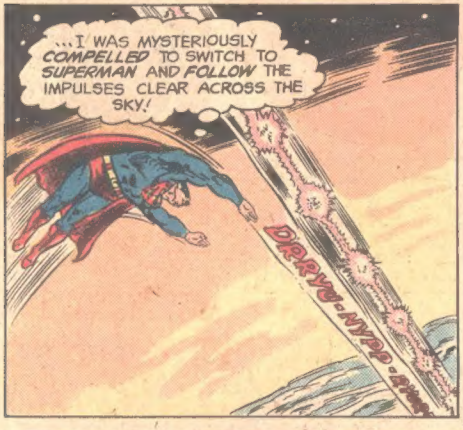
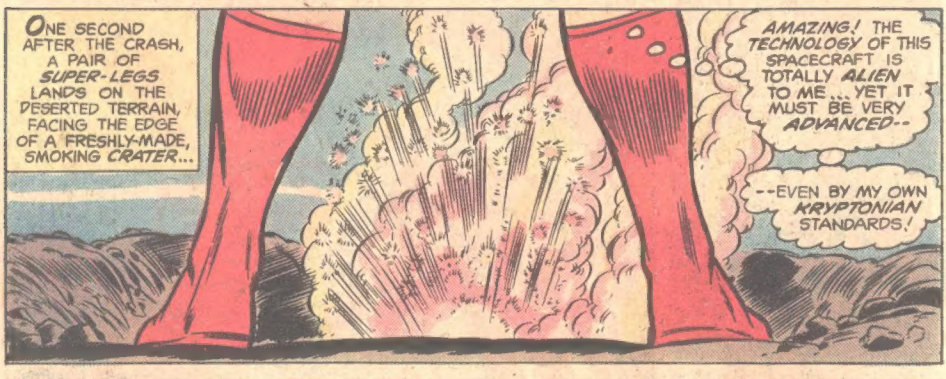
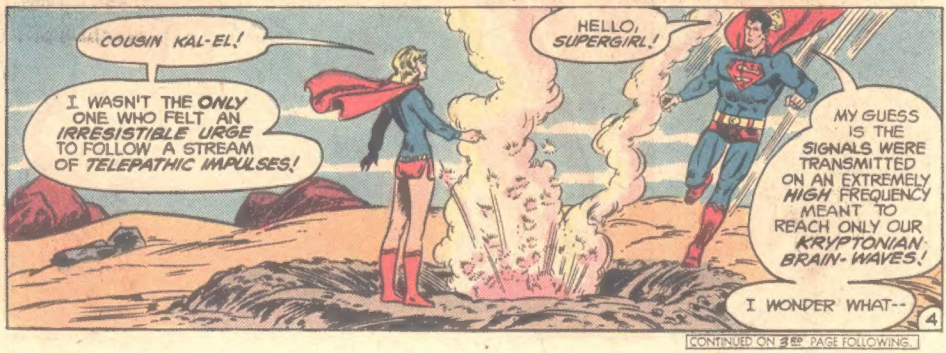

NOW... LET'S TRACK THE MIGHTY MAN OF STEEL AS HE SLINGSHOTS ACROSS THE UPPERMOST REACHES OF THE IONOSPHERE...
WHYYP-EYYPP-RYURP-DRRYU-
WHY AM I DOING THIS--?
ALL I KNOW IS THAT WHEN THESE WEIRD TELEPATHIC IMPULSES REACHED ME IN FRONT OF THE GALAXY BUILDING...



GREAT KRYPTON! THE IMPULSES ARE BEING TRANSMITTED BY AN ALIEN SPACECRAFT THAT ENTERED THE ATMOSPHERE--
--AND IS ABOUT TO CRASH-LAND!


ONE SECOND AFTER THE CRASH, A PAIR OF SUPER-LEGS LANDS ON THE DESERTED TERRAIN, FACING THE EDGE OF A FRESHLY-MADE, SMOKING CRATER...
AMAZING! THE TECHNOLOGY OF THIS SPACECRAFT IS TOTALLY ALIEN TO ME... YET IT MUST BE VERY ADVANCED--
--EVEN BY MY OWN KRYPTONIAN STANDARDS!


COUSIN KAL-EL!
I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO FELT AN IRRESISTIBLE URGE TO FOLLOW A STREAM OF TELEPATHIC IMPULSES!
HELLO, SUPERGIRL!
MY GUESS IS THE SIGNALS WERE TRANSMITTED ON AN EXTREMELY HIGH FREQUENCY MEANT TO REACH ONLY OUR KRYPTONIAN BRAIN-WAVES!
I WONDER WHAT--
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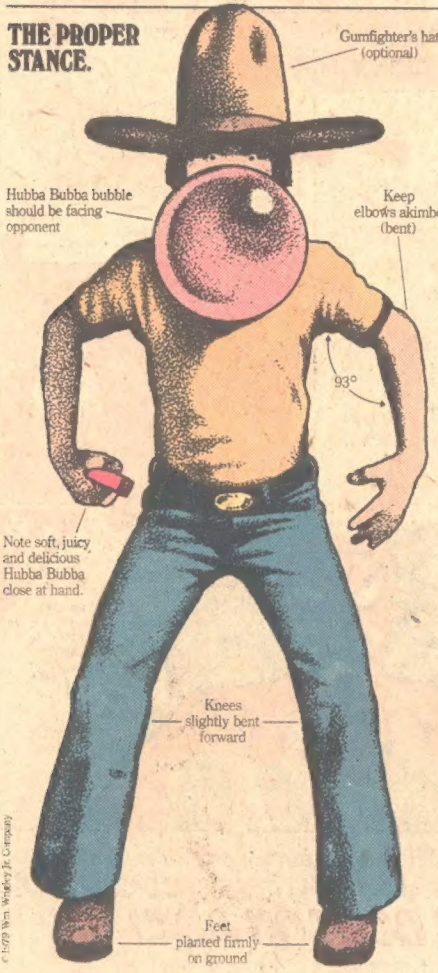
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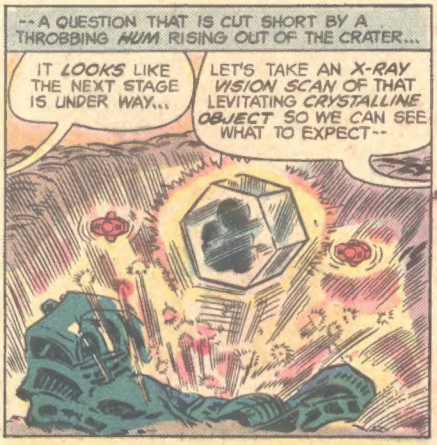
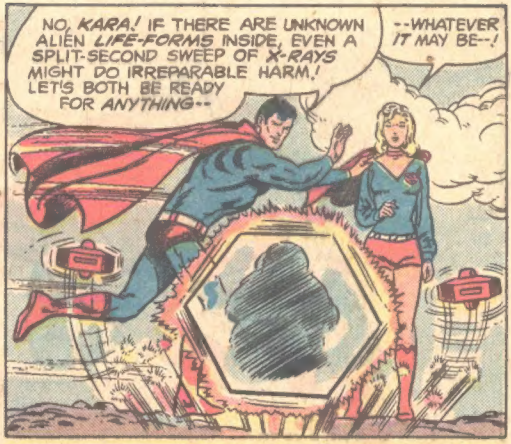
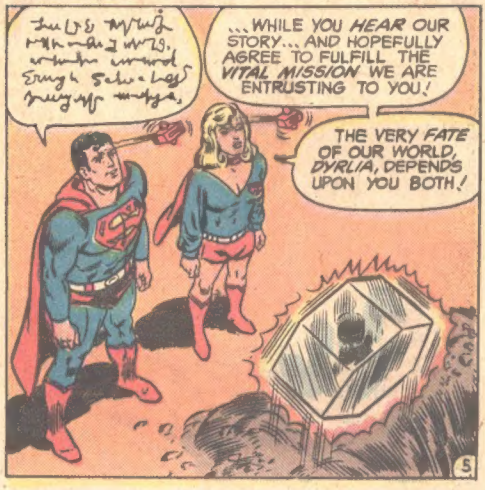

--A QUESTION THAT IS CUT SHORT BY A THROBBING HUM RISING OUT OF THE CRATER...
IT LOOKS LIKE THE NEXT STAGE IS UNDER WAY...
LET'S TAKE AN X-RAY VISION SCAN OF THAT LEVITATING CRYSTALLINE OBJECT SO WE CAN SEE WHAT TO EXPECT--

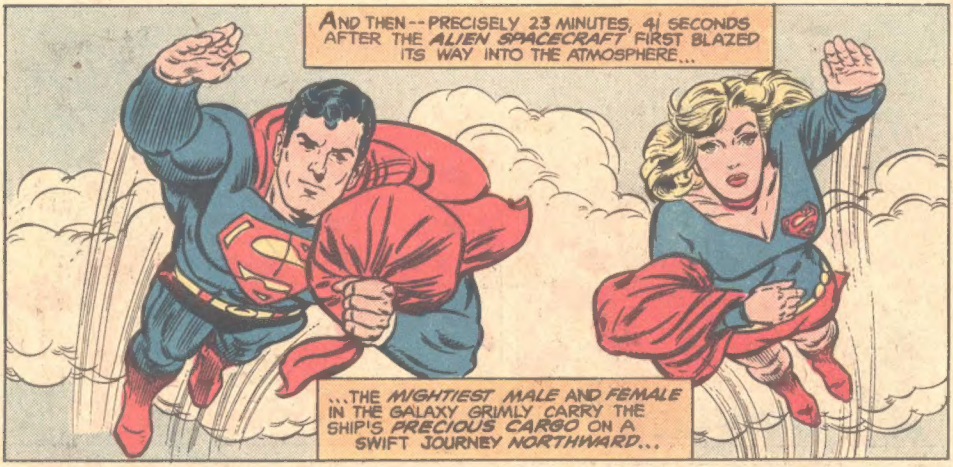

NO, KARA! IF THERE ARE UNKNOWN ALIEN LIFE-FORMS INSIDE, EVEN A SPLIT-SECOND SWEEP OF X-RAYS MIGHT DO IRREPARABLE HARM! LET'S BOTH BE READY FOR ANYTHING--
--WHATEVER IT MAY BE--!

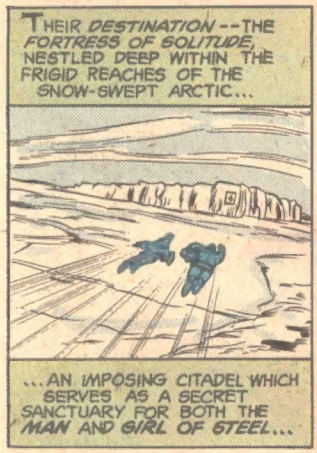
KAL..? DO YOU GET THE FEELING WE'RE BEING CLOSELY WATCHED?
I DO-- WHICH MAKES THIS THE SECOND TIME TODAY FOR ME!

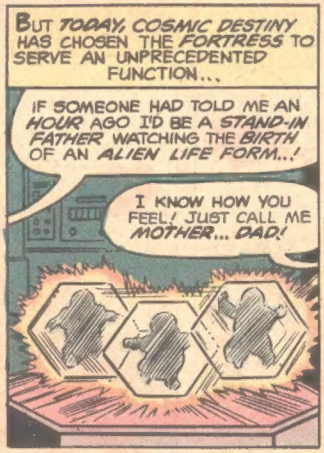
SUDDENLY-- MOVING FASTER THAN KRYPTONIAN SPEED-- TWIN BEAMS HIT THE DUO...WHO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN RECITING ALOUD...
GREETINGS, SUPERMAN AND SUPERGIRL! BOTH OF YOU HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY SELECTED ACROSS THOUSANDS OF YOUR LIGHT-YEARS TO UNDERTAKE A MONUMENTAL TASK--
--A TASK ONLY TWO SUPER BEINGS SUCH AS YOU COULD POSSIBLY ACCOMPLISH IN THE ALLOTTED TIME!

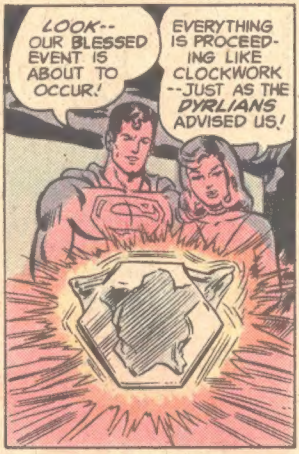
IT IS ESSENTIAL YOU MASTER OUR LANGUAGE AS SWIFTLY AS POSSIBLE, WHICH IS WHY THIS MESSAGE IS BEING TRANSMITTED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN YOUR EARTH LANGUAGE AND OUR NATIVE ONE--
--ENABLING YOUR SUPER-BRAINS TO LEARN OUR LANGUAGE BY INSTANT COMPARISON...


...WHILE YOU HEAR OUR STORY... AND HOPEFULLY AGREE TO FULFILL THE VITAL MISSION WE ARE ENTRUSTING TO YOU!
THE VERY FATE OF OUR WORLD, DYRLIA, DEPENDS UPON YOU BOTH!

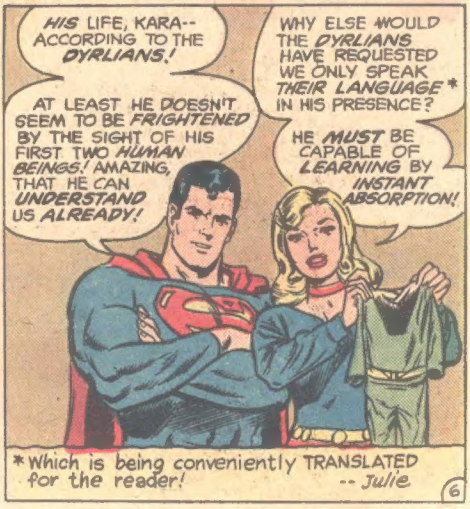

AND THEN--PRECISELY 23 MINUTES, 41 SECONDS AFTER THE ALIEN SPACECRAFT FIRST BLAZED ITS WAY INTO THE ATMOSPHERE...
...THE MIGHTIEST MALE AND FEMALE IN THE GALAXY GRIMLY CARRY THE SHIP'S PRECIOUS CARGO ON A SWIFT JOURNEY NORTHWARD...

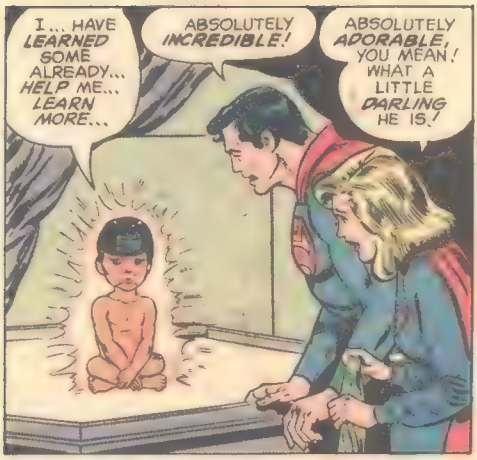

THEIR DESTINATION--THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE, NESTLED DEEP WITHIN THE FRIGID REACHES OF THE SNOW-SWEPT ARCTIC...
...AN IMPOSING CITADEL WHICH SERVES AS A SECRET SANCTUARY FOR BOTH THE MAN AND GIRL OF STEEL...

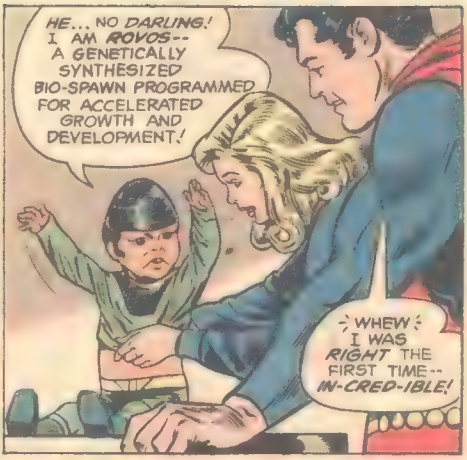

BUT TODAY, COSMIC DESTINY HAS CHOSEN THE FORTRESS TO SERVE AN UNPRECEDENTED FUNCTION...
IF SOMEONE HAD TOLD ME AN HOUR AGO I'D BE A STAND-IN FATHER WATCHING THE BIRTH OF AN ALIEN LIFE FORM...!
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL! JUST CALL ME MOTHER... DAD!

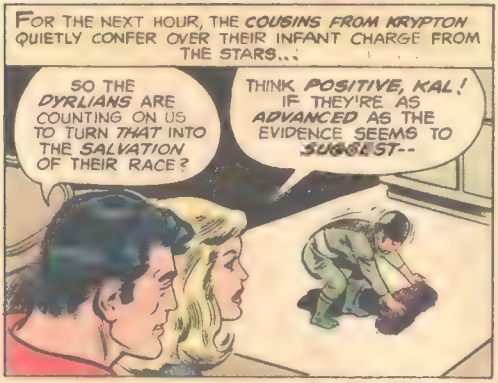

LOOK--OUR BLESSED EVENT IS ABOUT TO OCCUR!
EVERYTHING IS PROCEEDING LIKE CLOCKWORK--JUST AS THE DYRLIANS ADVISED US!

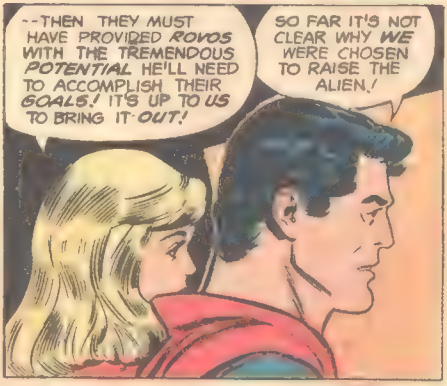
THE INCUBATION-CUBE IS DISINTEGRATING ON SCHEDULE! IT'S A TECHNOLOGICAL WONDER!
I SAY IT'S A MIRACLE--A SYNTHETIC BIRTH DESIGNED BY ANOTHER RACE'S SUPER-SCIENCE! GET THE CLOTHING THEY PROVIDED FOR THIS STAGE OF ITS LIFE!
SSSSSHH!

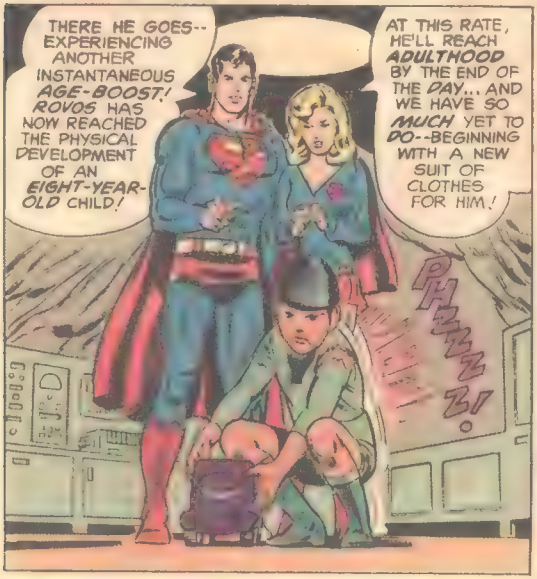

HIS LIFE, KARA--ACCORDING TO THE DYRLIANS!
AT LEAST HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE FRIGHTENED BY THE SIGHT OF HIS FIRST TWO HUMAN BEINGS! AMAZING, THAT HE CAN UNDERSTAND US ALREADY!
WHY ELSE WOULD THE DYRLIANS HAVE REQUESTED WE ONLY SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE * IN HIS PRESENCE?
HE MUST BE CAPABLE OF LEARNING BY INSTANT ABSORPTION!
* Which is being conveniently TRANSLATED for the reader! -- Julie

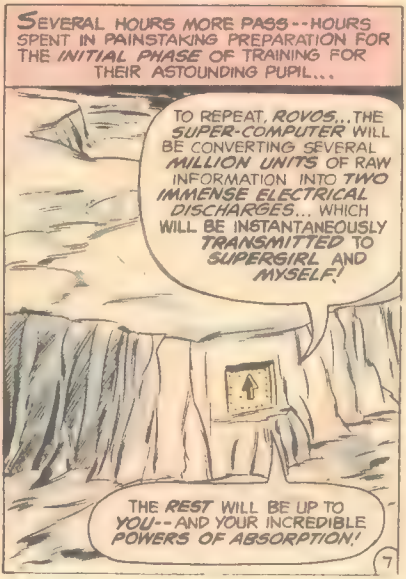

I... HAVE LEARNED SOME ALREADY... HELP ME... LEARN MORE...
ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE!
ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE, YOU MEAN! WHAT A LITTLE DARLING HE IS!

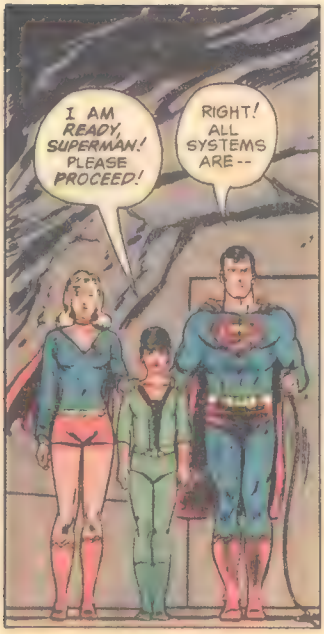

HE... NO DARLING! I AM ROVOS-- A GENETICALLY SYNTHESIZED BIO-SPAWN PROGRAMMED FOR ACCELERATED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT!
WHEW! I WAS RIGHT THE FIRST TIME-- IN-CRED-IBLE!

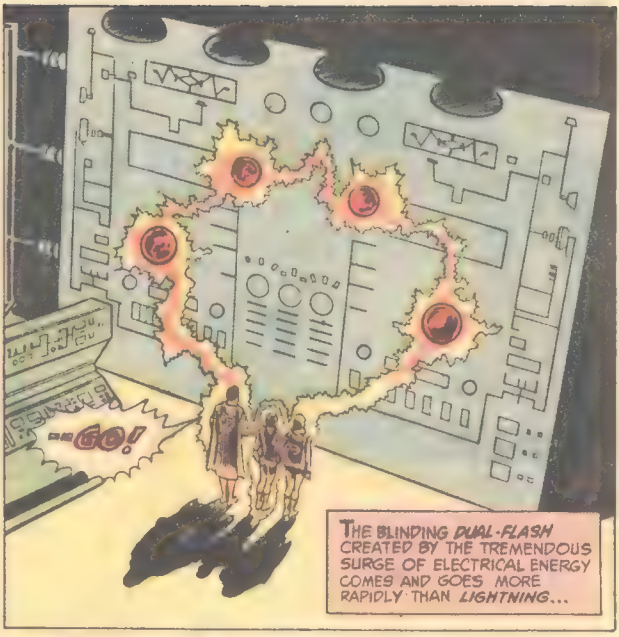

FOR THE NEXT HOUR, THE COUSINS FROM KRYPTON QUIETLY CONFER OVER THEIR INFANT CHARGE FROM THE STARS...
SO THE DYRLIANS ARE COUNTING ON US TO TURN THAT INTO THE SALVATION OF THEIR RACE?
THINK POSITIVE, KAL! IF THEY'RE AS ADVANCED AS THE EVIDENCE SEEMS TO SUGGEST--

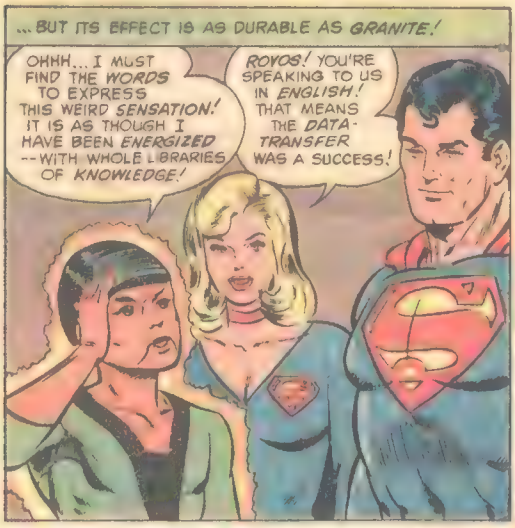

--THEN THEY MUST HAVE PROVIDED ROVOS WITH THE TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL HE'LL NEED TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR GOALS! IT'S UP TO US TO BRING IT OUT!
SO FAR IT'S NOT CLEAR WHY WE WERE CHOSEN TO RAISE THE ALIEN!

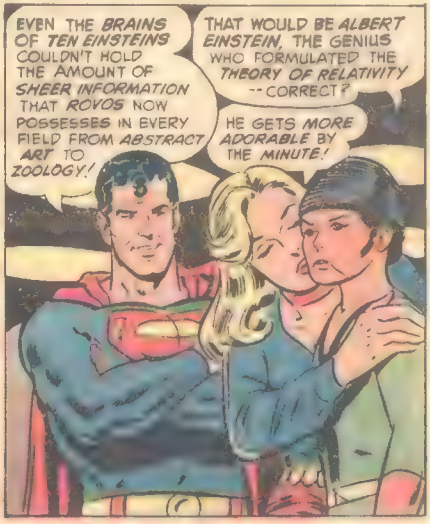

THERE HE GOES-- EXPERIENCING ANOTHER INSTANTANEOUS AGE-BOOST! ROVOS HAS NOW REACHED THE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD CHILD!
AT THIS RATE, HE'LL REACH ADULTHOOD BY THE END OF THE DAY... AND WE HAVE SO MUCH YET TO DO--BEGINNING WITH A NEW SUIT OF CLOTHES FOR HIM!
PHEEEW!

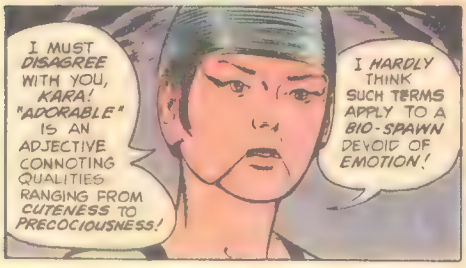

SEVERAL HOURS MORE PASS--HOURS SPENT IN PAINSTAKING PREPARATION FOR THE INITIAL PHASE OF TRAINING FOR THEIR ASTOUNDING PUPIL...
TO REPEAT, ROVOS.. THE SUPER-COMPUTER WILL BE CONVERTING SEVERAL MILLION UNITS OF RAW INFORMATION INTO TWO IMMENSE ELECTRICAL DISCHARGES... WHICH WILL BE INSTANTANEOUSLY TRANSMITTED TO SUPERGIRL AND MYSELF!
THE REST WILL BE UP TO YOU--AND YOUR INCREDIBLE POWERS OF ABSORPTION!

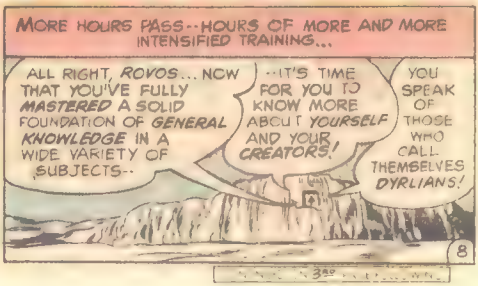

I AM READY, SUPERMAN! PLEASE PROCEED!
RIGHT! ALL SYSTEMS ARE--


--GO!
THE BLINDING DUAL-FLASH CREATED BY THE TREMENDOUS SURGE OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY COMES AND GOES MORE RAPIDLY THAN LIGHTNING...


...BUT ITS EFFECT IS AS DURABLE AS GRANITE!
OHHH... I MUST FIND THE WORDS TO EXPRESS THIS WEIRD SENSATION! IT IS AS THOUGH I HAVE BEEN ENERGIZED --WITH WHOLE LIBRARIES OF KNOWLEDGE!
ROYOS! YOU'RE SPEAKING TO US IN ENGLISH! THAT MEANS THE DATA-TRANSFER WAS A SUCCESS!


EVEN THE BRAINS OF TEN EINSTEINS COULDN'T HOLD THE AMOUNT OF SHEER INFORMATION THAT ROYOS NOW POSSESSES IN EVERY FIELD FROM ABSTRACT ART TO ZOOLOGY!
THAT WOULD BE ALBERT EINSTEIN, THE GENIUS WHO FORMULATED THE THEORY OF RELATIVITY --CORRECT?
HE GETS MORE ADORABLE BY THE MINUTE!


I MUST DISAGREE WITH YOU, KARA! "ADORABLE" IS AN ADJECTIVE CONNOTING QUALITIES RANGING FROM CUTENESS TO PRECOCIOUSNESS!
I HARDLY THINK SUCH TERMS APPLY TO A BIO-SPAWN DEVOID OF EMOTION!


MORE HOURS PASS--HOURS OF MORE AND MORE INTENSIFIED TRAINING...
ALL RIGHT, ROYOS... NOW THAT YOU'VE FULLY MASTERED A SOLID FOUNDATION OF GENERAL KNOWLEDGE IN A WIDE VARIETY OF SUBJECTS--
...IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR CREATORS!
YOU SPEAK OF THOSE WHO CALL THEMSELVES DYRLIANS!

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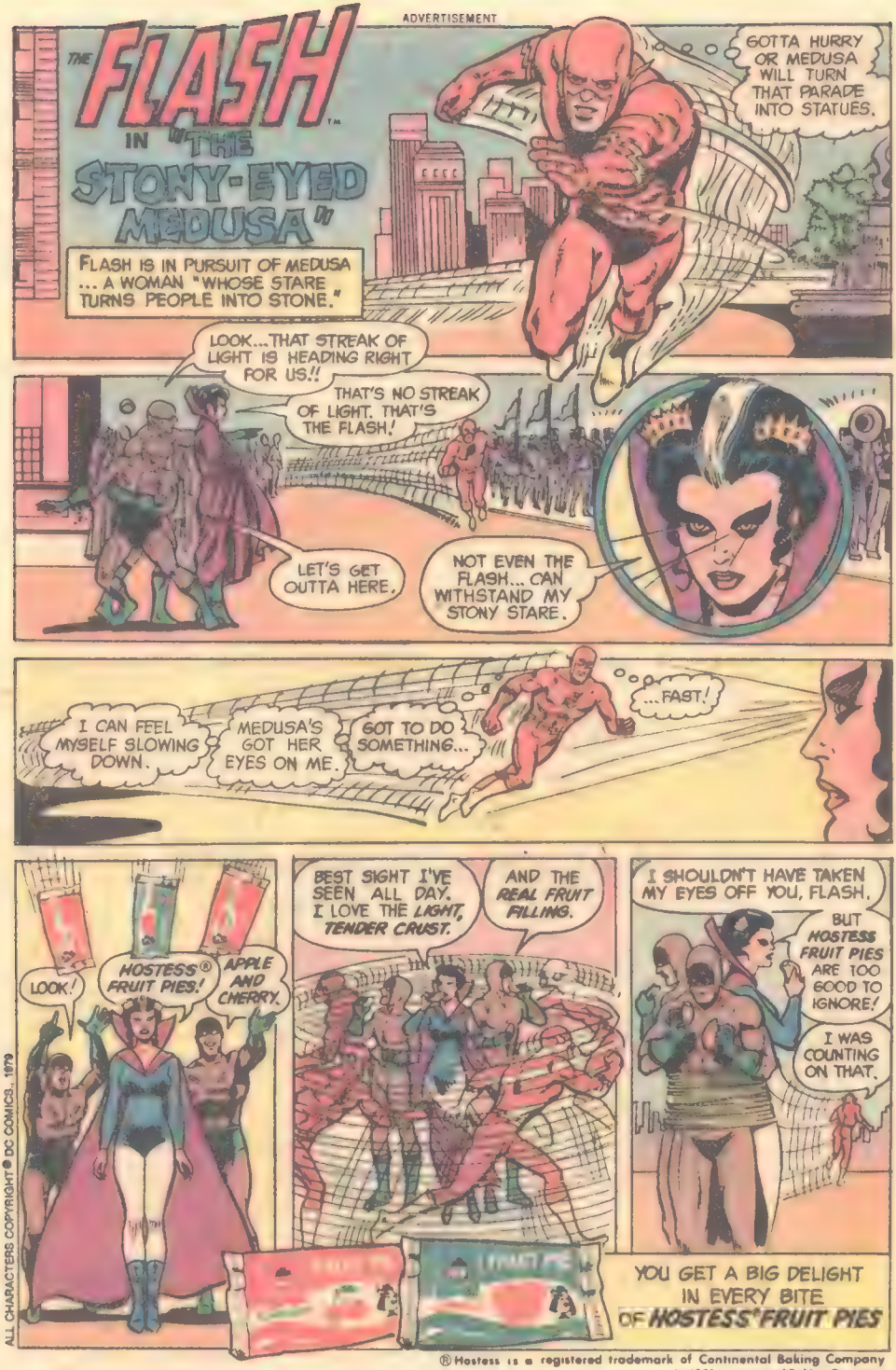
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THAT'S NO STREAK OF LIGHT. THAT'S THE FLASH!
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I CAN FEEL MYSELF SLOWING DOWN.
MEDUSA'S GOT HER EYES ON ME.
GOT TO DO SOMETHING...
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YES! ALTHOUGH THE TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS THEY TRANSMITTED TO SUPERMAN AND ME WERE QUITE SPECIFIC... THE DYRUANS LEFT MANY DETAILS ABOUT THEMSELVES SHROUDED IN MYSTERY!
WE DO KNOW THEIR RACE IS THREATENED --AND THEY SPAWNED YOU TO EVOLVE INTO THEIR... SAVIOR!
BUT, KARA-- PRECISELY WHAT IS IT THAT I HAVE BEEN CREATED TO DO? HOW CAN I SERVE MY CREATORS UNLESS I KNOW MY TRUE FUNCTION?
HOLD IT--! THAT'S OUR CODE-RED CATASTROPHE ALARM!
ONE OF SUPERMAN'S ORBITING SATELLITE MONITORS MUST HAVE DETECTED A GRAVE SITUATION ABOUT TO GO CRITICAL!
WAIT FOR ME, KARA! I AM COMING, TOO!
EVEN AS THE ARTIFICIAL ALIEN RACES AFTER THE MAID OF MIGHT--
--HE EXPERIENCES HIS NEXT PRE-PROGRAMMED AGE-80097!
HOW SERIOUS DOES THE SITUATION APPEAR TO BE, KARA?
HARD TO SAY! THE CRITICAL AREA IS A REMOTE RADIO-TELESCOPE INSTALLATION IN THE SOUTHWESTERN UNITED STATES!
I'M ZEROING IN ON IT NOW!
BUT I DO NOT COMPREHEND! I SEE NO INDICATION OF A CRISIS DEVELOPING!
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WITH ENOUGH DATA, THEY CAN GIVE US UP TO 60 SECONDS ADVANCE WARNING BEFORE CERTAIN DISASTERS STRIKE!
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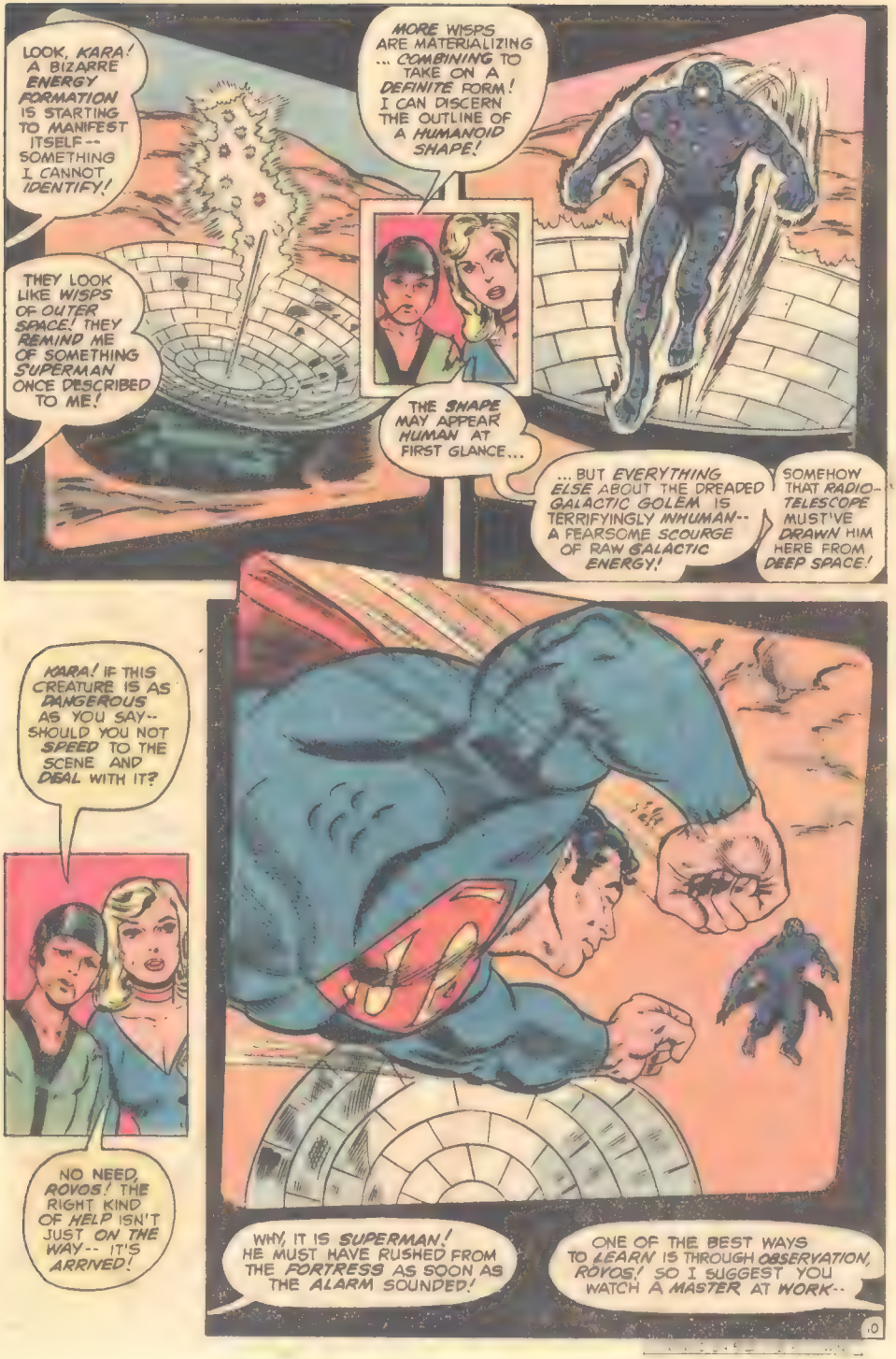
LOOK, KARA! A BIZARRE ENERGY FORMATION IS STARTING TO MANIFEST ITSELF -- SOMETHING I CANNOT IDENTIFY!
MORE WISPS ARE MATERIALIZING ... COMBINING TO TAKE ON A DEFINITE FORM! I CAN DISCERN THE OUTLINE OF A HUMANOID SHAPE!
THEY LOOK LIKE WISPS OF OUTER SPACE! THEY REMIND ME OF SOMETHING SUPERMAN ONCE DESCRIBED TO ME!
THE SHAPE MAY APPEAR HUMAN AT FIRST GLANCE...
... BUT EVERYTHING ELSE ABOUT THE DREADED GALACTIC GOLEM IS TERRIFYINGLY INHUMAN-- A FEARSOME SCOURGE OF RAW GALACTIC ENERGY!
SOMEHOW THAT RADIO-TELESCOPE MUST'VE DRAWN HIM HERE FROM DEEP SPACE!
KARA! IF THIS CREATURE IS AS DANGEROUS AS YOU SAY-- SHOULD YOU NOT SPEED TO THE SCENE AND DEAL WITH IT?
NO NEED, ROYOS! THE RIGHT KIND OF HELP ISN'T JUST ON THE WAY-- IT'S ARRIVED!
WHY, IT IS SUPERMAN! HE MUST HAVE RUSHED FROM THE FORTRESS AS SOON AS THE ALARM SOUNDED!
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MIGHTY MOUSE SAVES THE DAY ZAPPING FOES WHO STAND IN HIS WAY!
9:00
The Bugs Bunny Road Runner Show
THAT "WIDDLE GWAY WABBIT" IS HAVING A BALL, WITH DAFFY, TWEETY AND LAUGHTER FOR ALL! THEN SPEEDY ROAD RUNNER ZOOMS FASTER THAN LIGHT, COYOTE CANT CATCH HIM, TRY AS HE MIGHT!

MUSCLE BEACH
10:30
THE ALL-NEW POPEYE HOUR
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11:30
THE NEW FAT ALBERT SHOW
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12:00
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TARZAN AND THE SUPER SEVEN
12:30
THE KING OF THE JUNGLE CHALLENGES CRIME!
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THE FREEDOM FORCE
FREEDOM FORCE CONQUERS ALL VILLAINS THEY MEET! PLUS MORE GREAT HEROES WHO CAN'T BE BEAT!
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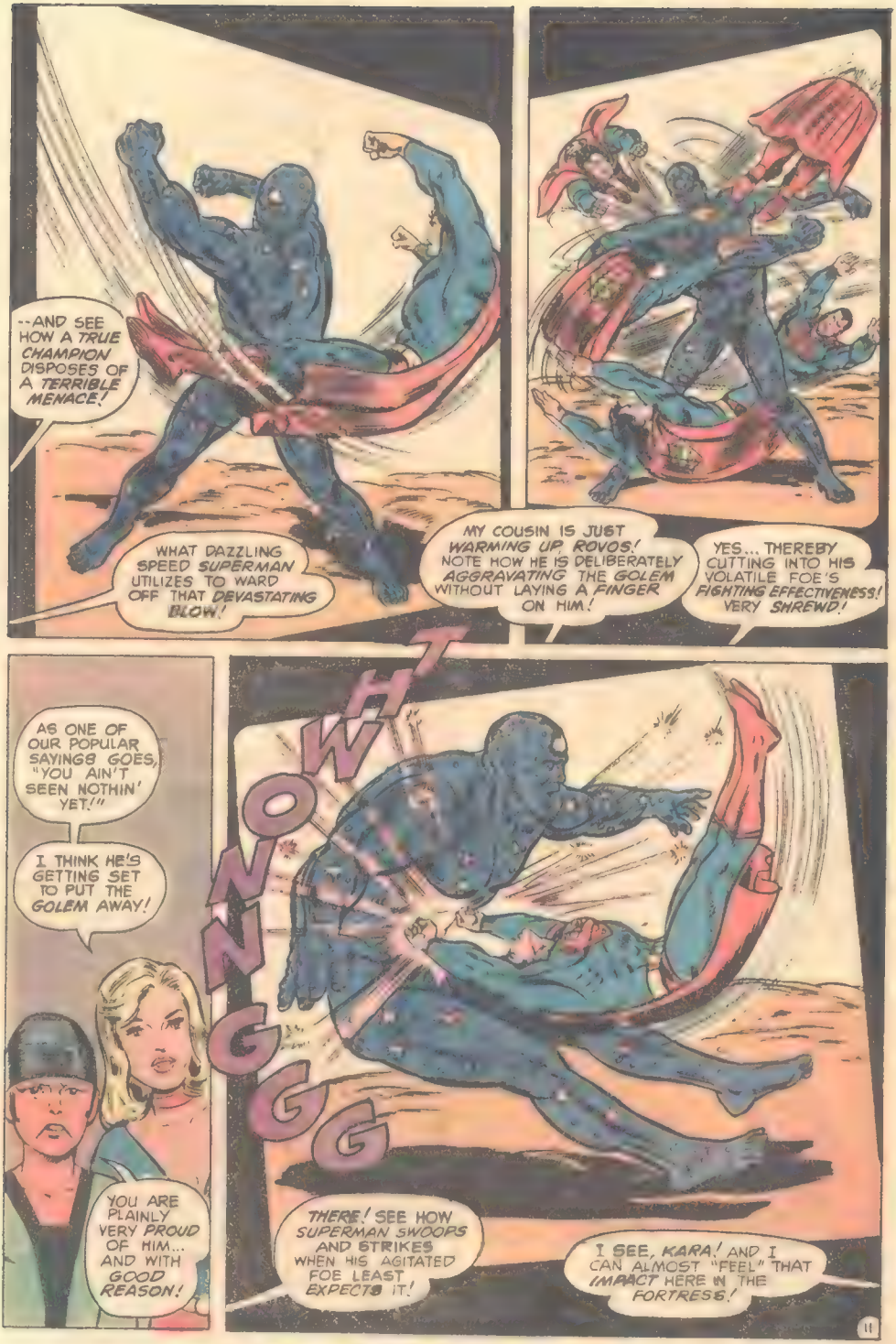
--AND SEE HOW A TRUE CHAMPION DISPOSES OF A TERRIBLE MENACE!
WHAT DAZZLING SPEED SUPERMAN UTILIZES TO WARD OFF THAT DEVASTATING BLOW!
MY COUSIN IS JUST WARMING UP, ROVOS! NOTE HOW HE IS DELIBERATELY AGGRAVATING THE GOLEM WITHOUT LAYING A FINGER ON HIM!
YES... THEREBY CUTTING INTO HIS VOLATILE FOE'S FIGHTING EFFECTIVENESS! VERY SHREWD!
AS ONE OF OUR POPULAR SAYINGS GOES, "YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN' YET!"
I THINK HE'S GETTING SET TO PUT THE GOLEM AWAY!
YOU ARE PLAINLY VERY PROUD OF HIM... AND WITH GOOD REASON!
NNNGGG
OWHT
THERE! SEE HOW SUPERMAN SWOOPS AND STRIKES WHEN HIS AGITATED FOE LEAST EXPECTS IT!
I SEE, KARA! AND I CAN ALMOST "FEEL" THAT IMPACT HERE IN THE FORTRESS!

IT'S NOT OVER YET! THE GOLEM IS SUCH A FORMIDABLE DESTRUCTIVE FORCE HIMSELF, A SUPER-PUNCH MERELY KNOCKS HIM OFF HIS FEET!
THEN YOUR COUSIN WILL NOT LET UP HIS OFFENSIVE!
KRUNNCHHHH
THE GOLEM MUST BE COUNTER-ATTACKING, KARA -- JUDGING FROM THE SUDDEN ENERGY MANIFESTATION AT THE CENTER OF HIS MASS!
I DON'T LIKE THIS ONE BIT, ROVOS--
--ANY MORE THAN I LIKE THAT MYSTERIOUS SET OF GLOWING FOOTPRINTS LEADING DIRECTLY TO THE GOLEM!
I MAY BE JUMPING TO A HASTY CONCLUSION, KARA--
--BUT IT APPEARS TO ME THE GOLEM IS GROWING STRONGER!
HURRY, KAL ...DON'T WAIT ANOTHER SECOND! KNOCK HIM OUT NOW!
GREAT KRYPTON!
IT... IT'S ALL OVER!
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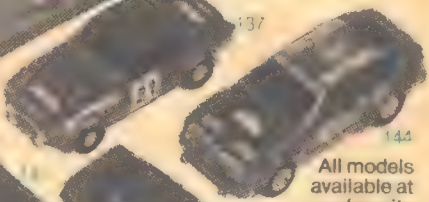

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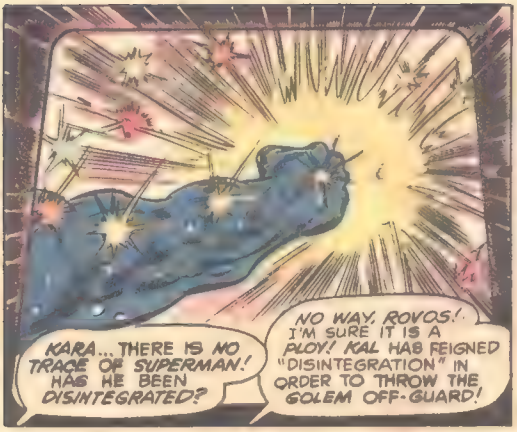
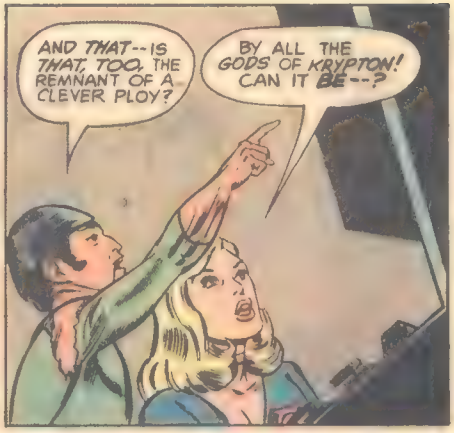
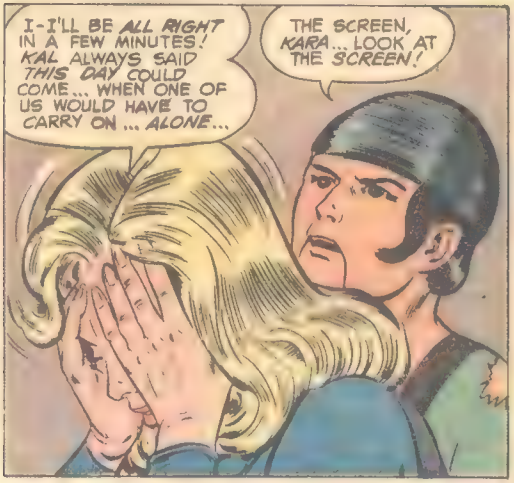
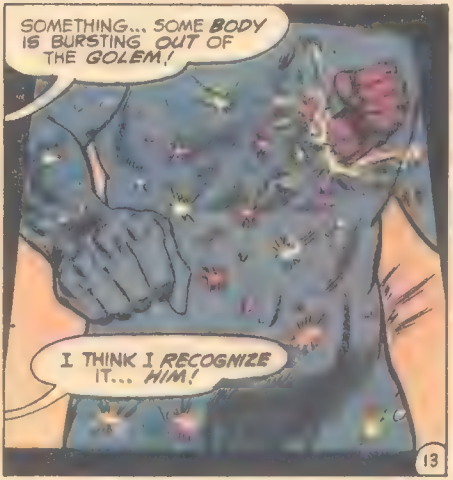

KARA... THERE IS NO TRACE OF SUPERMAN! HAS HE BEEN DISINTEGRATED?
NO WAY, ROVOS! I'M SURE IT IS A PLOY! KAL HAS FEIGNED "DISINTEGRATION" IN ORDER TO THROW THE GOLEM OFF-GUARD!

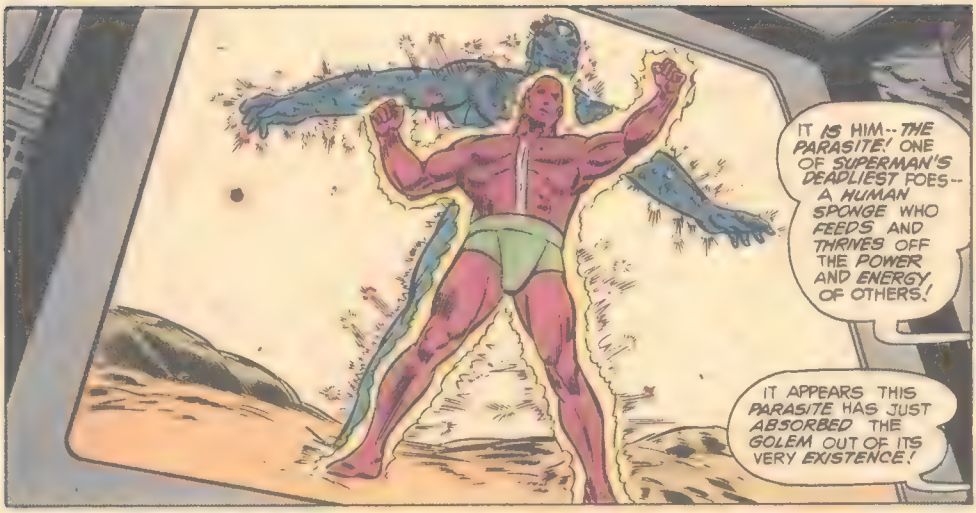

AND THAT--IS THAT, TOO, THE REMNANT OF A CLEVER PLOY?
BY ALL THE GODS OF KRYPTON! CAN IT BE--?

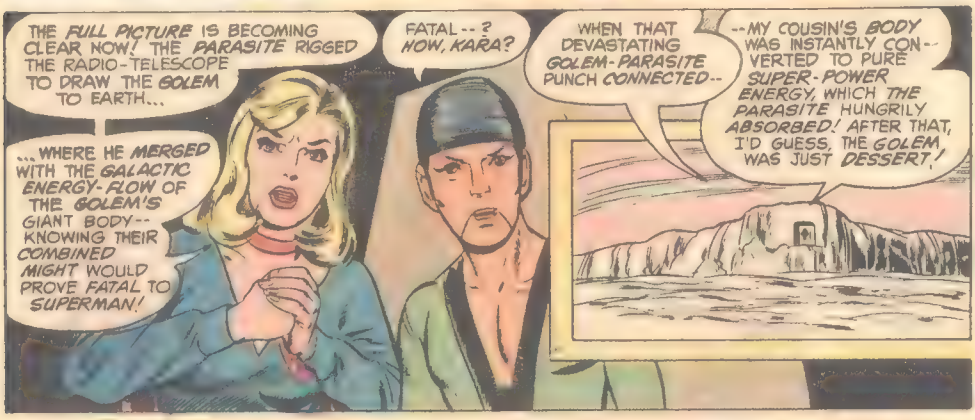
YES, I JUDGE IT IS, KARA! THE VISUAL EVIDENCE IS DISTINCT, AND UNMISTAKABLE! ALL THAT REMAINS OF YOUR COUSIN IS A SMOKING, EMPTY UNIFORM!

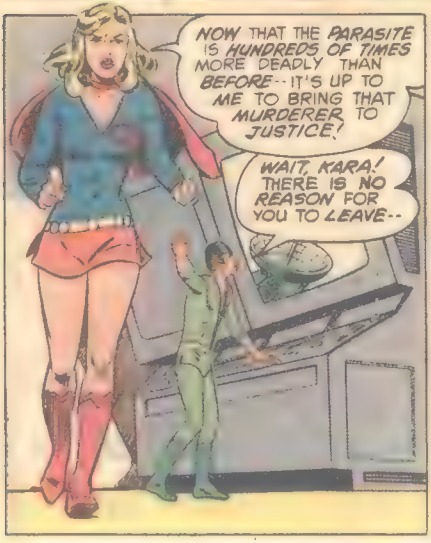
WHY, KARA... YOU JUST RECITED A FAREWELL TO SUPERMAN IN YOUR NATIVE KRYPTONESE! IT WAS ONE OF THE LANGUAGES YOU PROGRAMMED ME TO SPEAK AND UNDERSTAND!
YES, ; SNIFF ; IT IS TRADITIONAL... UPON THE DEATH ; SNIFF ; OF A KRYPTONIAN...

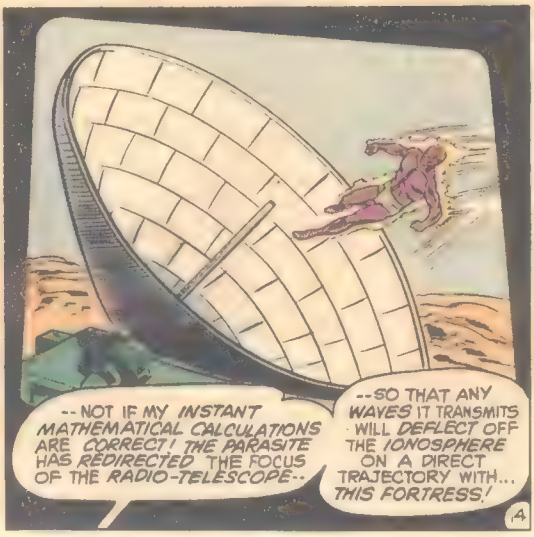

I-I'LL BE ALL RIGHT IN A FEW MINUTES! KAL ALWAYS SAID THIS DAY COULD COME... WHEN ONE OF US WOULD HAVE TO CARRY ON ... ALONE...
THE SCREEN, KARA... LOOK AT THE SCREEN!

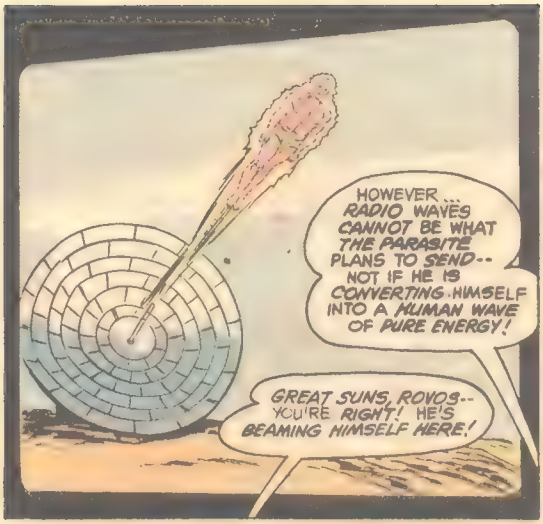

SOMETHING... SOME BODY IS BURSTING OUT OF THE GOLEM!
I THINK I RECOGNIZE IT... HIM!

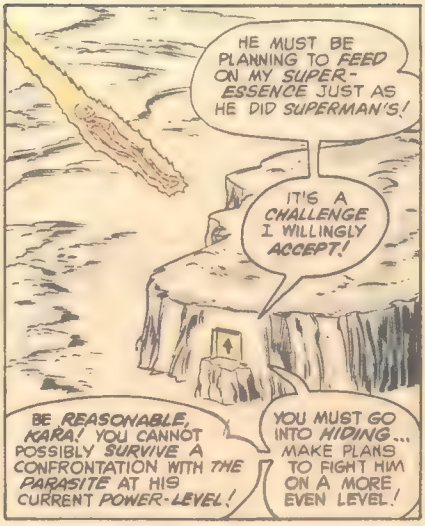

IT IS HIM--THE PARASITE! ONE OF SUPERMAN'S DEADLIEST FOES--A HUMAN SPONGE WHO FEEDS AND THRIVES OFF THE POWER AND ENERGY OF OTHERS!
IT APPEARS THIS PARASITE HAS JUST ABSORBED THE GOLEM OUT OF ITS VERY EXISTENCE!

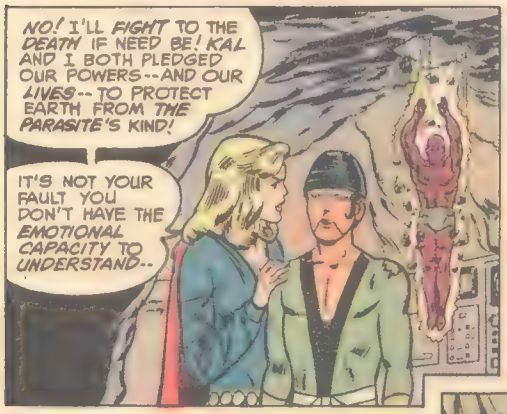

THE FULL PICTURE IS BECOMING CLEAR NOW! THE PARASITE RIGGED THE RADIO-TELESCOPE TO DRAW THE GOLEM TO EARTH...
...WHERE HE MERGED WITH THE GALACTIC ENERGY-FLOW OF THE GOLEM'S GIANT BODY--KNOWING THEIR COMBINED MIGHT WOULD PROVE FATAL TO SUPERMAN!
FATAL--? HOW, KARA?
WHEN THAT DEVASTATING GOLEM-PARASITE PUNCH CONNECTED--
--MY COUSIN'S BODY WAS INSTANTLY CONVERTED TO PURE SUPER-POWER ENERGY, WHICH THE PARASITE HUNGRILY ABSORBED! AFTER THAT, I'D GUESS, THE GOLEM WAS JUST DESSERT!

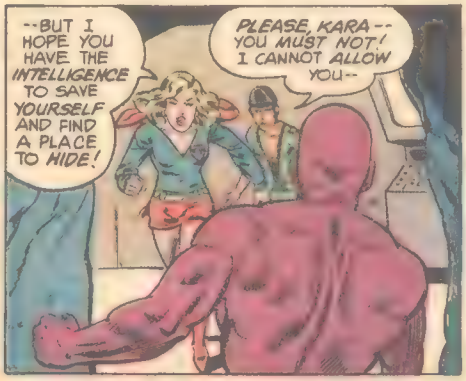

NOW THAT THE PARASITE IS HUNDREDS OF TIMES MORE DEADLY THAN BEFORE--IT'S UP TO ME TO BRING THAT MURDERER TO JUSTICE!
WAIT, KARA! THERE IS NO REASON FOR YOU TO LEAVE--

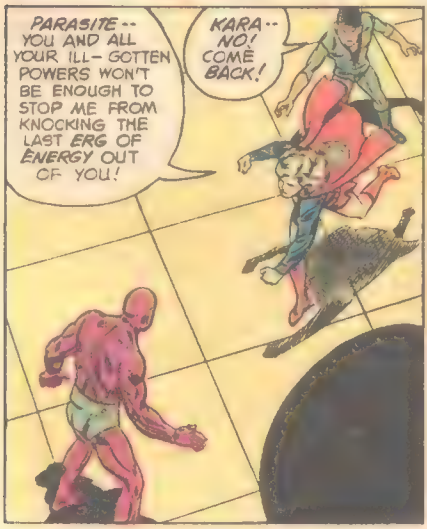

--NOT IF MY INSTANT MATHEMATICAL CALCULATIONS ARE CORRECT! THE PARASITE HAS REDIRECTED THE FOCUS OF THE RADIO-TELESCOPE--
--SO THAT ANY WAVES IT TRANSMITS WILL DEFLECT OFF THE IONOSPHERE ON A DIRECT TRAJECTORY WITH... THIS FORTRESS!

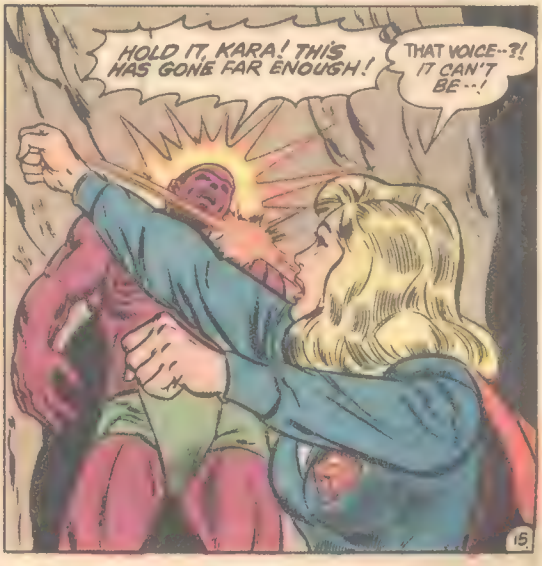

HOWEVER... RADIO WAVES CANNOT BE WHAT THE PARASITE PLANS TO SEND-- NOT IF HE IS CONVERTING HIMSELF INTO A HUMAN WAVE OF PURE ENERGY!
GREAT SUNS, ROVOS-- YOU'RE RIGHT! HE'S BEAMING HIMSELF HERE!


HE MUST BE PLANNING TO FEED ON MY SUPER-ESSENCE JUST AS HE DID SUPERMAN'S!
IT'S A CHALLENGE I WILLINGLY ACCEPT!
BE REASONABLE, KARA! YOU CANNOT POSSIBLY SURVIVE A CONFRONTATION WITH THE PARASITE AT HIS CURRENT POWER-LEVEL!
YOU MUST GO INTO HIDING... MAKE PLANS TO FIGHT HIM ON A MORE EVEN LEVEL!


NO! I'LL FIGHT TO THE DEATH IF NEED BE! KAL AND I BOTH PLEDGED OUR POWERS--AND OUR LIVES-- TO PROTECT EARTH FROM THE PARASITE'S KIND!
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT YOU DON'T HAVE THE EMOTIONAL CAPACITY TO UNDERSTAND--


--BUT I HOPE YOU HAVE THE INTELLIGENCE TO SAVE YOURSELF AND FIND A PLACE TO HIDE!
PLEASE, KARA-- YOU MUST NOT! I CANNOT ALLOW YOU--


PARASITE-- YOU AND ALL YOUR ILL-GOTTEN POWERS WON'T BE ENOUGH TO STOP ME FROM KNOCKING THE LAST ERG OF ENERGY OUT OF YOU!
KARA-- NO! COME BACK!


HOLD IT, KARA! THIS HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH!
THAT VOICE--?! IT CAN'T BE--!

BUT IT IS, COUSIN! THE "PARASITE" YOU WERE SEEING WAS ME ALL ALONG!
KAL, THIS IS TOO MUCH! YOU'RE NOT REALLY DEAD... THE PARASITE WASN'T FOR REAL ...
... AND THE GALACTIC GOLEM--?
--WAS MERELY A SOLID-LIGHT ILLUSION I SET UP! AS SOON AS I FEIGNED BEING "DISINTEGRATED" BY ITS PUNCH--
--I ZOOMED INSIDE IT AT INVISIBLE SUPER-SPEED, WHERE MY HIDDEN PARASITE DISGUISE WAS WAITING!
SUPERMAN... I MAY BE AN ARTIFICIAL LIFE-FORM... BUT THAT DOES NOT PREVENT ME FROM BEING TOTALLY REPULSED BY THIS BLATANT DISPLAY OF MENTAL CRUELTY AT KARA'S EXPENSE!
TELL ME WHY, SUPERMAN! WHY AND HOW COULD YOU CARRY OUT SUCH AN INHUMAN HOAX?
IT WAS ALL FOR YOUR 'BENEFIT, ROVOS!
GREAT RAO! ROVO'S FACE-- I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND..
I KNEW YOU WOULD, KARA! HE HAD TEAR-DUCTS FROM BIRTH--
--BUT IT TOOK A STRONG EMOTIONAL FLOOD TO START THE TEARS FLOWING!
OUR TRAININS OF ROVOS IS COMPLETE! I AM CONFIDENT HE WILL SERVE HIS CREATORS WELL!
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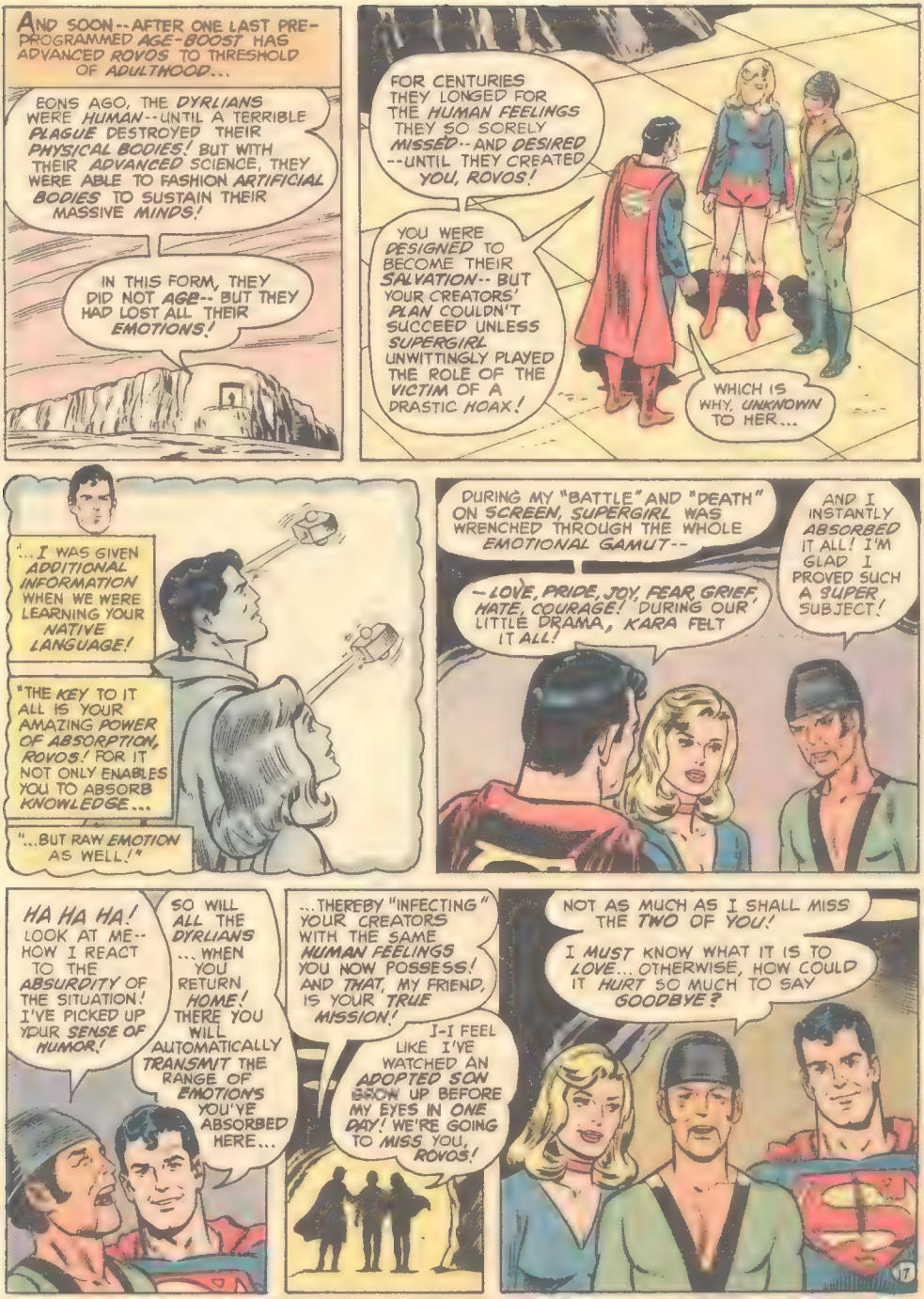
AND SOON--AFTER ONE LAST PRE-PROGRAMMED AGE-BOOST HAS ADVANCED ROVOS TO THRESHOLD OF ADULTHOOD...
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WHICH IS WHY, UNKNOWN TO HER...
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DURING MY "BATTLE" AND "DEATH" ON SCREEN, SUPERGIRL WAS WRENCHED THROUGH THE WHOLE EMOTIONAL GAMUT--
--LOVE, PRIDE, JOY, FEAR, GRIEF, HATE, COURAGE! DURING OUR LITTLE DRAMA, KARA FELT IT ALL!
AND I INSTANTLY ABSORBED IT ALL! I'M GLAD I PROVED SUCH A SUPER SUBJECT!
HA HA HA! LOOK AT ME-- HOW I REACT TO THE ABSURDITY OF THE SITUATION! I'VE PICKED UP YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR!
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I-I FEEL LIKE I'VE WATCHED AN ADOPTED SON GROW UP BEFORE MY EYES IN ONE DAY! WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU, ROVOS!
NOT AS MUCH AS I SHALL MISS THE TWO OF YOU!
I MUST KNOW WHAT IT IS TO LOVE... OTHERWISE, HOW COULD IT HURT SO MUCH TO SAY GOODBYE?
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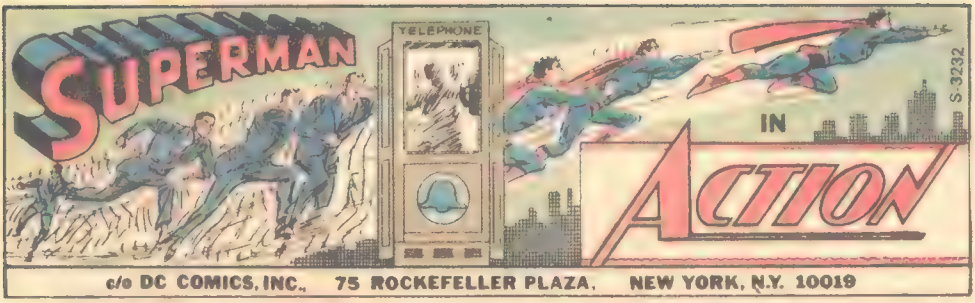

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Dear Editor:

I think I'm in love with Cary Bates. He's the best *Superman* writer around. If I'm in love with Cary for his *Superman* tales, then I must be in love with Curt Swan for his artwork on my favorite superhero. *ACTION* #497 made me wish I could hug both of them. What I liked most about "Superman's Command Performance" was the three young boys—Art, Jerry, and Mike. Seeing *Superman's* interactions with young people always thrills me, and this is one of the best of those interactions. Some kids wouldn't have catered to the idea of an alien youngster joining their Superman Club, in spite of his good deed, but these kids have to think twice—after all, their hero is an alien!

The final page was the finest and most touching. It's times like this that *Superman* seems so real I forget for a minute that he isn't a real person. It's great that he can shatter meteors and capture monsters, but the Star Child of Krypton shines his brightest on feats such as using his X-ray vision to find that a crippled kid of Plaintown, Kansas is just an operation away from walking again. *That's* the *Superman* I love.

Barbara Long
Rt. 3, Box 161
Blue Springs, MS 38828

P.S. Oh, yeah, Julie—I love you, too!

And after that kind of letter, we all love you!—ENB

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Dear Julie and the Gang:

Y'know, I rather enjoyed *ACTION* #497. "Superman's Command Performance," was by no means a classic, but it was a passable, entertaining, rather offbeat tale, which was quite readable. No super-villain, but an interesting disaster, an intriguing little mystery, and a corny return to the super-idealistic *Superman*, who takes the time to cure crippled kids as well as save the world—and what's wrong with that? (I also liked the return of the Loch Trevor monster, created by the Evil Factory a few years ago.) Not a great tale, but quite good. Besides, what kid can resist the idea of having *Superman* at his command?

Al Schroeder III
3608 Richland Ave.
Nashville, TN 37205

Congratulations, Al—not many readers seem to have remembered the Loch Trevor monster from the old JIMMY OLSEN *mag! Give your memory a gold star!—ENB*

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Dear Editor:

I liked the idea of the Plaintown Superman Club. It was, in a sense, a tribute to many of your readers out there in Midwest, U.S.A., who enjoy a chance to share in an adventure with *Supes* every month in these pages. Nicely done.

Loved Lane and her motor mouth, droning on and on. A neatly executed segue from her speaking about *news blackouts* to the doorman yelling about a *real* blackout.

I must say, *Superman's* splitting the meteor into five equal chunks like a flawlessly cut diamond was certainly a dramatic stunt. And Lane's comment that "everyone loves *Superman*, but not nearly as much as *I*..." shows she still hasn't given up the torch for him, even though she's no longer in the running.

The idea of three ordinary boys being able to control *Superman* was interesting and mysterious. It brought to mind several questions: could there be an alien force at work? Could wish fulfillment be obtained as a result of extremely concentrated, intense motivation? The fact that the answer to both questions was yes made for a more interesting resolution.

What a shame! Clark Kent's birthday! I do feel this should have been developed more. I'm *still* wondering what went on in his absence. I wish I could have seen Clark stammering out a rational explanation of his behavior on this one!

The explanation of the mysterious alien with the telepathic powers being behind the mind-control was fine in and of itself. I'll skip the part about him being lonely, with no friends his own age to play with—the flaws in that should be obvious. What would a lonely, but intellectually advanced alien want to do with relatively primitive children of our planet? And how come there are no children his age on his own planet? If he could communicate telepathically, how come *Superman* had to tell the boys what he said? I know, he was thinking in a foreign tongue, one of the many *Superman* is fluent in, no doubt. My, my, I said I'd skip that part, but I seem to have lost control of my actions. Do you suppose Rygel is lurking nearby, waiting to bring me to *Superman's* attention? (No such luck, dear; these people aren't real, you know. I know. I know!)

And I hate to be critical, but...that was overdoing it a bit to include the ending with Mike being crippled. That part changed the tone of the story. "I'll be able to walk again!" *Ta-da!* It was a little melodramatic, and that piece of dialogue particularly sounded like something out of a B movie. It's a nice thought, but it doesn't feel like it belongs to the rest of the story.

The drawing was good. And despite its flaws, Cary Bates had a good story. I like to think it was good because of its possibilities; even if it wasn't developed far enough this time, there's no saying what could happen next year at this time.

Tamsyn O'Flynn
29 Fourth Ave.
Massapequa Park, NY 11762

Frankly, we haven't been able to corner Rygel long enough to get the answers to all your queries about him. But you were right about him thinking in an alien tongue. At least we couldn't dream up a better explanation!—ENB

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Dear DC.

If for only one reason, *ACTION* 497 was special. At least to me. When I was a kid, I, too, belonged to a Superman Club, along with some friends.

If only my club had the honor this issue's had: a meeting with our hero. And what a meeting it was! The aerial shot of *Supes* entering the clubhouse was great, emphasizing the fact that this was a kid-sized building. Also good was the final panel on page 15, showing a *Superman* who could possibly scold his idolizers in a fatherly manner, as I'm sure they thought he would do.

From the beginning mysteries to the ending acts of good will, this month's *ACTION* was, if not the best, at least my favorite.

Mark Lamport
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Well, generally speaking, the Superman *fans seemed to like this story about—*Superman *fans. Now, I wonder why?—E Nelson Bridwell*

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But that's only a small part of the issue. The *Viking Commando* fights a German soldier out to avenge a "Shield of Shame" by Kanigher and George Evans; and the *Black Eagle* awards "Wings for a Blind Pilot" by Kanigher, Dick Ayers and Romeo Tanghal. Then it's non-stop battle action in "No Glory for Cooky" by Bob Haney and E.R. Cruz; "A Bullet for a Bully" by David Allikas and Bill Payne; and "Last Ace for a Gunner" by Evan Douglas and Mar Amongo.

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(Metropolis)—*Superman's* home town is invaded by "A Plague of Monsters" as rats, mice and insects join the army of a villain who calls himself *The Regulator*. What is the reason for this vermin invasion? And can the *JLA*ers stop it, with the help of *Black Lightning*, before it's too late? Gerry Conway, Dick Dillin and Frank McLaughlin provide the startling answers when *JUSTICE LEAGUE* #174 goes on sale the week of October 8th!

Q: Why are there two *Daily Planets* out in one week?—Unsigned. *A*: Since *DC* changed its distribution to a twice a month frequency, there are too many books coming out at one time to be covered in one *Planet*...so we split them up!

Q: Is it true that *Superboy* began his career in *MORE FUN COMICS* #101?—Scott Micheel. *A*: Yes, he appeared in *MFC* #101-107 before moving to the lead spot in *ADVENTURE COMICS*.

Q: How about having *Batgirl* join the *Justice League*?—Marty Layton. *A*: We'll pass your suggestion along to new *JLA* editor, Len Wein.

Q: Where did *Sinestro* get his power ring?—Brian Churchman. *A*: The secrets of *Green Lantern's* arch-foe will be revealed in a series of stories currently running in *GREEN LANTERN*.

Q: How much will old comics be worth in the year 2000?—Billy Eubanks. *A*: More important, how much will a dollar be worth then?

Q: When did the Earth-2 *Batman* begin his career? And the Earth-1 *Batman*?—Robert Byron. *A*: Earth-2's *Bats* began in *DETECTIVE* #27. His Earth-1 counterpart began in *DETECTIVE* #327, when Julie Schwartz took over as editor.

Q: Is *Batman's* cape bullet-proof?—Sean Cruz. *A*: No.

Q: Will we ever get to see Steve Ditko's *Odd Man*?—Unsigned. *A*: Yes. He's appearing in *DETECTIVE COMICS* #487.

Q: Do Fred and Edna Danvers know that Clark Kent is *Superman*?—Tim Papp. *A*: No, *Supergirl's* foster parents do not know her cousin's secret.

Q: What ever became of *DC* artist Alex Toth?—Don Rovero. *A*: Alex is in California, working on TV cartoons.

HEMBECK
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GHOSTS #84—Carl Wessler and Noly Zamora suffer the "Torment of the Phantom Face"; George Kashdan, Dick Ayers and Joe Giella "Gamble with a Ghost"; and Kashdan and Rudy Florese join the "Phantom's Flock".

ORIGINAL SWAMP THING SAGA—Once again, three classic tales by Len Wein and Berni Wrightson: "The Lurker in Tunnel 13", "The Stalker From Beyond" and "The Man Who Would Not Die"

SUPERMAN #343—A seer from ancient Pompeii comes to 1979 to stop *Superman* from causing "The Last Days of Metropolis" in a Denny O'Neil/Curt Swan/Frank Chiaramonte collaboration.

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